

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Ronald L. Mallett

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## Overview of the Collection

<b>Repository:</b>	The HistoryMakers® 1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
<b>Creator:</b>	Mallett, Ronald L.
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Ronald L. Mallett,
<b>Dates:</b>	April 7, 2022
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2022
<b>Physical Description:</b>	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:46:35).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Physicist Ronald Mallett (1945 - ) is a professor emeritus of physics at the University of Connecticut. He is known for his work on the theory of time travel. Mallett was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 7, 2022, in Storrs, Connecticut. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2022_040
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Physicist Ronald Mallett was born on March 3, 1945 in Roaring Springs, Pennsylvania to Dorothy Kimbrough and Boyd Mallett. Mallett joined the United States Air Force in 1963 and later was admitted into Pennsylvania State University, where he received his B.S. degree in 1969, his M.S. degree in 1970, and his Ph.D. degree in 1973 in physics.

After receiving his Ph.D. degree from Pennsylvania State University, Mallett was hired in 1973 as a research scientist for United Technologies Research Laboratory in Farmington, Connecticut. Two years later, in 1975, he was hired as an assistant professor of physics at the University of Connecticut, in Mansfield, Connecticut, and subsequently promoted to associate professor in 1980. From 1981 to 1982, Mallett served as the Ira Reid Visiting Professor at Haverford College, in Haverford, Pennsylvania. In 1982, he served as a visiting scholar at the Center for Theoretical Physics at the University of Texas at Austin. Mallett was then promoted to professor of physics at the University of Connecticut in 1987, where he remained until his retirement in 2018.

Known for his work on the theory of time travel, in 2002, Mallett presented at the Third International Association for Relativistic Dynamics Conference. In 2003, he was featured in the documentary *The World's First Time Machine*, directed by Ben Bowie, and in 2006, Mallett published his memoir, *Time Traveler: A Scientist's Personal Mission to Make Time Travel a Reality*.

Mallett is an honorary member of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of National Society of Black Physicists. In 2006, he was elected vice president of the International Association for Relativistic Dynamics.

Mallett received the Altoona Outstanding Alumni Award from Pennsylvania State University in 2006; and, in 2007, he was named an Alumni Fellow. In 2012, Mallett was also named a distinguished alumnus by Altoona Area High School, in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Mallet and his wife, Terry Mamunes, live in Storrs, Connecticut.

Ronald Mallett was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 7, 2022.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Ronald L. Mallett was conducted by Larry Crowe on April 7, 2022, in Storrs, Connecticut, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Physicist Ronald Mallet (1945 - ) is a professor emeritus of physics at the University of Connecticut. He is known for his work on the theory of time travel.

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### Restrictions on Access

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## Related Material

Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

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## Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

### Persons:

Mallett, Ronald L.

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Mallett, Ronald L.--Interviews

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## Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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University of Connecticut

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## Occupations:

Physicist

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

ScienceMakers

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

### Preferred Citation

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### Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

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## Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Ronald L. Mallett, Section A2022\_040\_001\_001, TRT: 1:28:45  
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Video Oral History Interview with Ronald L. Mallett, Section A2022\_040\_001\_002, TRT: 2:28:55  
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Video Oral History Interview with Ronald L. Mallett, Section A2022\_040\_001\_003, TRT: 3:31:31  
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Video Oral History Interview with Ronald L. Mallett, Section A2022\_040\_001\_004, TRT: 4:30:10  
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Video Oral History Interview with Ronald L. Mallett, Section A2022\_040\_001\_005, TRT: 5:31:08  
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Video Oral History Interview with Ronald L. Mallett, Section A2022\_040\_001\_006, TRT: 6:27:57  
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Video Oral History Interview with Ronald L. Mallett, Section A2022\_040\_001\_007, TRT: 7:28:32  
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Video Oral History Interview with Ronald L. Mallett, Section A2022\_040\_001\_008, TRT: 8:19:37  
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